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TO ENGINEERS, FOUNDERS, SMITHS, AND OTHERS.

—The undersigned SALE OF MACHINERY, TOOLS, and STOCK of MESSRS. GALLIVAN & SONS, West Street, Smithfield, will take place as follows, on the 15th day of October, 1844:

MONDAY, Oct. 7.—The patterns, tools, machinery and smelting tools.
TUESDAY, Oct. 8.—Turning lathes, planing machines, screwing do.
WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9.—New smelting tools of various sizes, oil-curing lathes, &c.
THURSDAY, Oct. 10.—Turning lathes of every description, vises, benches.
FRIDAY, Oct. 11.—Screw-machines, lathes, steel, turning tools, &c.
MONDAY, Oct. 14.—Planing machines, lathes, smelting tools, &c.
TUESDAY, Oct. 15.—Planing machines, lathes, smelting tools, &c.

Chargess to be had at the premises, and of the auctioneers, Mr. Chancery-lane.

PREEMPTORY SALE OF VERY VALUABLE MINING SHARES.

MR. TIPPETT has been instructed by the assignees of Messrs. Ross and Bradfield, bankers,破産者, TO OFFER FOR SALE PREEMPTORIALLY, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 15th day of October next, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, at Parchment's Red Lion Hotel, Finsbury, the following very valuable MINING SHARES—viz., 15,000 PARTS, or SHARES, of and in all their most valuable COPPER MINE, called WHEAL ANNA, situated in the parish of Perranzabuloe, with the like parts, or shares, of and in the ENGINE, and other effects thereof; and also 41,118 PARTS, or SHARES, of and in that most celebrated COPPER MINE, called WHEAL PERKAN, situated in Perranzabuloe, with the like parts, or shares, of and in the ENGINE, and other effects thereof—Descriptive particulars, and all further information, may be had at Messrs. Bradfield, Parchment, Ross, and Johnson, solicitors, Great Winchester-street, London, and at Mr. Tippet's office, Finsbury-street, Finsbury.

Persons desirous of purchasing by private treaty, may obtain every information by applying to Mr. C. Taylor, at Captain Pitt, or any of the above offices.—Truro, Sept. 24.

TO IRON AND COALMASTERS—IMPORTANT SALE.

TO BE SOLD, BY AUCTION, by Mr. BOWEN, on Tuesday, the 15th day of October next, at Eleven in Two o'clock precisely, on the premises, of the Pearl Works, near Rotherham, in the county of Derbyshire, hitherto previously reserved by private treaty, of which due notice will be given, the whole of the MACHINERY, &c., horse-power GLASS-ENGINE (by Higginson), several WINNING and PUMPING ENGINES, various hydraulic hoisting machines, about 200 tons of castings, rails, &c., lever weighing machine, several sets of pumps, and other effects, particularly in consequence, which will be circulated four days prior to the sale, and may be had at the Panthers Inn, Chester; Black Lion, Mold; White Horse, Holtwell; Queen's Head, Oswestry; Bridgewater Arms, Ellesmere; Rose & Crown, official嗜酒者, Liverpool; Mr. Egerton, solicitor, Wrexham; at the office of the auctioneer, in Wrexham; and from Messrs. T. A. and J. Grundy, solicitors, Bury, Lancashire.

Persons desirous of purchasing by private treaty, may obtain every information by applying to Mr. C. Taylor, Mr. Egerton, or Messrs. T. A. and J. Grundy.

IMPORTANT SALE OF MINING SHARES, PAYING LARGE DIVIDENDS, AND PRESENTING VERY ELEGANT INVESTMENTS FOR CAPITAL.

MR. C. WARTON begs to announce, that he is directed by the executors of the late Daniel Culling, Esq., TO SELL, BY AUCTION, at the Auction Mart, on Wednesday, the 15th October, at Two o'clock, SHARES in the following important BRITISH MINES—viz., Treasvase, Trellechian, West Treddinian, Levant, Wheal Jewell, Bettiscombe, St. John's Cross, East Wheal Crofty, Providence Mine, South Roscar, St. Just Park, Tamar Consols, Tintoretto Mine, Chapel Hill, Trellechian Consols, North United, West Wheal Treasury, Wheal Spend-
er, &c., &c.

Particulars are preparing, and may be had in due time at the Auction Mart, or by George Linn, Hotel, Liverpool; Pearce's Hotels, Truro and Penzance; and Mr. C. Warton, auctioneer and estate agent, 28, Threadneedle street.

TO BE SOLD—Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause of Walker v. Clegg, with the approbation of General Sentence, Esq., one of the Masters of the said Court, at the Gray's Inn Chancery, London, on the 1st day of October, 1844, or Two o'clock all noon, all those valuable LEADSMOND LEAD MINES, called the 800 MINES, situated in the parishes of Worthen and Wemstone, in the county of Shropshire, being about fifteen miles north west of Shrewsbury, part of which mines are held for a term of which two years were occupied on the 25th day of June last—particulars to be had at the Royal Hotel, Charles Augustus East of Tewkesbury, Charles Land Consols, and John Arthur Lloyd, of a party of 5-parts—partly owned by the said Earl of Yarkeville and Charles Land Consols, at a moiety of 1/5th; and the remaining portion of such mines is held under a lease from Sir Edward Llwyd, for a term of which seventeen years were occupied on the 25th day of March last, at a moiety of 1/10th during the new occupied residue of the said lease, subject to reduction to a moiety of 1/15th, in case the lessee should expand his use for working as engine or engines or other machinery, at or in the said mines, for the purpose of pumping water from the works and raising the ore veins thereof, or should expand in any other power or method of working such engine or engines or other machinery, but not including the cost of putting up or putting any such engine, &c., or the wages of any men employed in or about the same, the sum of sixpence at least in each calendar month.

And all those valuable LEADSMOND COAL MINE AND LIME WORKS, at Porthcawl, in the said county of Glamorgan, held under leases from Mr. John Lawrence and others, for terms fourteen years each of which were occupied on the 25th November, 1840, at a moiety of 1/10th, together with all the pumping and winding engines, wharves, ropes, chains, and all other implements and materials, &c., now being and at work upon the said mines and premises.

The lease of these lead mines, which adjoin the celebrated Bishopsgate Roads, formerly covered several acres of mineral ground, in which there are a good number of rich and expensive veins that have not yet been explored; several are now in due course of working—and the large engine on the Big Vale, constructed on the Cambrian principle, has ample power for drainage of the whole. These mines are now in due course of working, and are capable of great extension, and all the engines and other machinery are in excellent condition, having been lately erected by the Colliery Slave Company, without regard to expense.

All the colliery, which is situated within a short distance from the mines, three acres of coal have been opened out, and are now supplying the engines at the mines and the adjoining works with coal, and are well suited for a country road.

The lead smelting works, for the smelting of the ores, to about three miles to the railway and the high road to Shrewsbury. The smelting works adjoin the colliery, and are very conveniently situate, and fitted up for smelting all the ore produced at the mines.

Also, a FARM, with a valuable right of sheep-walk, and THE COTTAGE, situated in the mines, at the low rent of 10s. per week, near from Shrewsbury, &c., for a term of which successive years were occupied on the 25th March, 1844, should a purchaser wish to enlarge the existing operations, a further extent of mineral ground may be obtained immediately adjacent.

Particulars and conditions of sale will be printed, and may be had gratis, at the Master's Office, Southwark Buildings, Chancery-lane, Messrs. Sharp, Potts, and Jeffreys, &c., Barristers, Esq., London; Messrs. Chester, Tintoretto, and Chester, Sharp, &c., Barristers, Esq., London; Messrs. Eggar, and Son, and Son, London; Mr. John Walker, Attorney, Chancery-lane, and the mines.

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—CHAMBERS—M. CHAMBERS.

M. Charnoy deserves of his invention, applicable to our common railways, in the following manner—
He places between the two ways a conductor, or pipe, formed of two plates and bilges, soldered to a high
resistance that is required, is buried in the soil; throughout its length,
at certain distances, are established branches, which come and terminate
in a cask, to which is attached a stalk, the key of which moves a cog-
wheel, flattened, and divided internally by a transverse partition. This cog-
wheel is surrounded by a cylindrical asperatory tube, placed horizontally, and
parallel to the line; the diameter of this tube is one-half less than that of
the conductor; it is divided into two equal parts by a transverse partition,
leaving there an extremity of bilge. On one of the sides of the branch a groove is placed
in which slides a vertical rod; the superior extremity of this rod is furnished with a plate, and the inferior extremity with a hook, which eng-
ages on articulated sale, which he attaches under the waggon, by
means of springs and choices. The length of this tube is that of the train;
its diameter is equal to that of the conductor; it presents a longitudinal
groove, shut by a valve, with two parallel and pitch-pinned partitions.
Under the first and last wagon are fixed two metallic supports, placed
opposite, and secured to the waggon.

Dissociation or the Drawbar.—Stationary hydraulic, or "steam-engines, are established at a distance of 10,000 metres from each other throughout the extent of the line to be worked; these engines serve to move pneumatic machines, which are put in communication with the conductor, or pipe, placed between the two lines. When there is necessity to set a train in motion, there is attached beneath the waggons a towing tube; one of the valves placed at the extremities of this tube is opened, whilst the other remains shut, and that part of the towing tube which has been open must be previously fixed in an exhalatory tube; this process being adopted, and after having effected a vacuum in the conductor and this towing tube by the action of the branch, and by the atmospheric pressure is immediately established between the exhalatory tube. The atmospheric pressure is immediately exercised in the head transversal portion of the exhalatory tube, forcing the basis ; it exerts itself, at the same time, throughout the external surface of the valve formed of the towing tube, which forms the point of resistance. This pressure determines the movement of the towing tube, which slides in the gear, adapted to the exhalatory tube—at the same time, the longitudinal valve of the towing tube opens for its passing on to the branch to shut again immediately afterwards. As soon as the posterior extremity of the train arrives in this branch, a support lets off the cock—and, at the same instant of the sound branch to open, by pressing the hook ; at this moment the vacuum ceases to be communicated to the towing tube by the first branch, whilst it is produced by the second. The shut valve of the towing tube then opens to slide over on to the first exhalatory tube; this valve shuts instantly by its own weight. The atmospheric pressure, acting again, the towing tube draws the train to which it is attached. To suspend the progress of the train, they would opening the cock, by raising the supports; to stop or reverse the speed they employ breaks; to retrograde they open the valve of the towing tube which was shut, and shut the other which was open.

COSTS AND ADVANTAGES OF THIS SYSTEM.—A single conductor, or pipe, of iron plates and ironmen, will cost one-half less than a conductor of cast-iron. It will perform the duty of a railway, with a double line of rails. This conductor being buried in the soil is out of the way of injury. Its internal and external maintenance amounts to nothing. This conductor forms a vast reservoir, which serves to contain the element of the locomotive power, which can be disposed of at will, either to give to loaded trains the greatest locomotive power, and the greatest possible speed, or for the benefit of the inclined. He can upgrade, divide, or annihilate, this power for decreasing the load. He can stoppage the progress of the trains in fact, this power will not be spent but for useful purposes. During the stoppage, as well as when the trains are in progress, the paramagnetic performs and stores up constantly into the conductor the locomotive power. The conductor being short, and subject to a high pressure of its contents, there is no loss of the substance of air. In position underground will prevent its being laid on a level. It will be possible to start many trains on the same line, and, for this reason, to send successive waggons. The action of the towing cable, with articulations, will prevent the closing of series of 1000 waggons radius, and the passing motion of the waggons will be accelerated by the towing cable. M. Chassonry has exhibited a model of his system at his factory for iron pipes; this system is of 100 metres in length, and many trials have already taken place in the presence of engineers, who have pronounced the idea of M. Chassonry to be very simple and very ingenious. At this time, when the interests of the state is to be partly employed to determine which is the most practicable and best system of atmospheric traction, it is necessary that every invention should be tried, known, and that the ideas of all the inventors should be examined and discussed seriously and conscientiously.—*Monsieur Subsecré.*

INDIA RAILWAY COMPANY

LEAD MINER OF BROWNSVILLE.

LEAD-MINES OF MESSRS. W. COSS & CO.

We have been furnished with the report of Captain Abraham Francis on the Big Mine (furnished to Mr. W. Coss, one of the proprietors), who has lately inspected the mine, and whose practical experience and knowledge of the district entitle it to its importance, which will be doubtless, appreciated by those interested. Having had the pleasure of meeting that gentleman on the mine, and passed some time there—although not able to afford a practical opinion as to its value or prospects, yet from the inspection of the adits, and having applied some attention to the reports received from the agents, we cannot hesitate in expressing our opinion that the mine hold out most hopeful prospects. We do only regret that the differences which have arisen between Messrs. Walker and Mr. Coss (who are, we believe, the sole proprietors) should have caused the property to have been placed in the hands of a Master in Chancery, as we find from an advertisement that the property will be offered for sale on the 11th instant. As regards the Penningry Mine, without the hole ever being touched, thus leaving to those who may commence work the mine the beneficial advantages in "lapping" away the bar of unproductive ground, at this time held out prospects far beyond such circumstances we could hope for the past six or seven years ; whereby the mine might come in the hands of the present proprietors, arrived at the point when they set to derive the profitable results of their capital and perseverance. We therefore trust that the mine will not take concern, unless, by a "side move," it be taken by one prejudicial to all concerned ; and therefore it is, that while we insert the report of Captain Francis, we invite attention to the advertisement, which will be found in another column.

DIRECT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

We noticed in the *Mining Journal* of last Saturday some of the main characteristics in the proposed plan of a direct line of railway between London and York, through the important agricultural counties of Northumbria, Lancashire, and Yorkshire. While the peculiarity of the railway system has been followed up with unceasing perseverance in the manufacturing counties and the west of England, and, in most cases, with fair consideration for the nature of the industry or engineering purposes, the extent of population and agricultural importance, these more eastern counties throughout the whole extent of the kingdom, from the Thames to the Humber, appear to have been but slight if at all in consideration. The London and Birmingham and Eastern Counties lines are carrying those can only have local influence, nor can they accommodate more than towns and principal agricultural districts, by taking in all the large parishes, and one which must pay a handsome per centage on the capital expenditure. The experience obtained in the formation of railways will enable this line to be executed at moderate cost, and, probably, a sum of two millions sterling will be saved in its construction, when compared with the cost of some existing lines. In addition to which advantage, the distances to the principal northern towns will be shortened as follows:

This will necessarily induce less wear and tear, consumption of fuel, and consequently, lower fares; and there is something more than mere possibility in the conjecture, that, on the completion of this line, it will become familiar to us with the north of Europe. Already the needed interest appears to have been aroused, and we are informed that no large portion of the shares have been subscribed for. That no further applications can be received

RAILWAYS IN IRELAND.

COST AND BARDON.—A meeting was held at the Boscawen Arms, Bandon, on Thursday, the 15th ult., for the purpose of opening a share list for establishing a line of railway from the city of Cork to the town of Bandon. Mr. Vincent Bardon was called to the chair. Mr. Leahy (the engineer) said that a good deal had been done towards the proposed railway; a survey had been made of the entire line; it was found that the country, with respect to traffic, was highly favourable, and, after the most careful calculation, it had been ascertained that the traffic could be depended on to afford ample revenue for the capital which might be required. Mr. Billing had desired that if the shareholders held before him were correct, and a responsible person should commence work, he would undertake to take ten mil. in London, the sum necessary to complete the entire line, with engines and carriages. The expenditure of this sum alone was of immense importance to the locality. He also explained at length the route of the proposed line, and stated, that if at any future time an extension should be required, there was no slighted obstacle, as a valley was formed by nature as the westward as the eastward, and a railway could easily be constructed. The cost of the extension and maintenance of way, the net annual profit was estimated at £10,000., or 10 per cent. on the capital. Mr. Sullivan said that the society of the inhabitants of Bandon and the vicinity was induced by a meeting, at which were present many citizens interested in the welfare of the town, and only one opinion as to the advantages a railway would render, to proceed to a subscription. A resolution for the opening of a share list was passed unanimously, and Capt. Bullock and T. B. Sullivan, Esq., were then voted to Mr. Leahy for his explanations, and to the hon. chairman

Waterson and Lawrence.—A meeting of some 200 persons was held at Wadsworth on Monday, the 2nd ult., for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of a strike from that day to Lincoln. It was convened by the Mayor, and was subsequently attended by politicians and leaders of various denominations. The Mayor was called to the chair, and Dr. G. C. Congdon, Esq., gave a brief and detailed account of the prospects of the strike-making. He said, it would be for the meeting to consider which of those measures they would adopt, either to make an independent line from Wadsworth to Lincoln, or with the company now in existence at Clark, or another company extending the line from Lincoln to Wadsworth; or, whether it would prevent all necessity for future contracts. A resolution was then passed to the effect that the company, with a capital of \$100,000, &c., &c., should, and other measures adopted for carrying out the objects of the Central line, and connecting it to Lincoln and Clark; it was estimated that the sum so proposed would be one of the best paying lines in the kingdom. Mr. Glynn had found the greatest opposition, and those were so timid and ignorant of the country as to be impeded by him, and the consequence of the negotiations that are now progressing will be developed. A large sum was collected for.

1. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Justice.—Mr. Justice, one of the best known, we are informed, appointed by Indianapolis police to witness a fire before the alarm was given, has been, on his return to Indianapolis, having discontinued his practice, engaged in writing a book on the way of Newark. This work is written to save time being stopped to
2. Newark Committee.—Mr. Justice Edwards (late representative and City Commissioner) has been engaged which took fifty-five hundred square feet of space in a room in a hotel in a walk, of twenty acres, acting as a committee on the problem.
3. Franklin Blackstone Edwards.—We have learned that the directors of this company are about to place engines of a more powerful description upon the cars, by which addition of forty will, it is believed, be increased. The company and engine houses of about 1000 persons in the two great cities of the country have been made of use to the service of the trains.
4. Tony Ravasio (Blackstone).—We are pleased to learn that Mr. Tony Ravasio, one of the leading authorities from the Indianapolis Standard, of Mr. J. A. Blackstone's paper, as a walking companion, used to have been accompanied by Sir James Clarendon, Mr. G. C. Converse, who has become both eminent on the same platform, and that the connection was maintained by Sir James Clarendon, of South Africa, who has told the author he had been connected with him for many years.
5. John C. Converse.—I am now including one of my associates, John C. Converse, with whom I have often spoken, upon this connection, which I consider as friendly and amiable men worthy of being sent to a trial stand trial. That is to say, there is no difference between the members of our party, and those who are present differently in having each and every meeting granted the same right of audience.

SHERESBURY, WOLVERHAMPTON, DUDLEY, AND

BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY.—The committee have read with extreme interest the statement which has been got back by the directors of the Grand Junction Company, and sent counter-espousal letters to shareholders and to their shareholders. This company was originally formed and approved of by public meetings in Birmingham, Shrewsbury, and other towns in Shropshire, for the purpose of obtaining a canal and railway communication through Shropshire to the populous mining district of Coalbrookdale, that being the direction which at former periods, as well as at the present time, was considered most direct for the interests of the district. About the same time a scheme was put forth by the Grand Junction Company for making a branch from their line, at or near Shrewsbury or Peckforton, to Shropshire; but, notwithstanding such branch line would not have supplied accommodation to an important part of the country, passing, as it is proposed to do, for a great portion of its extent through a thinly-peopled district, such scheme was not approved of thereby, declined their decided opposition to it.

This company promised to survey their line, and leave their prospectus. After

an extension of a portion of their share, was given to the shareholders, but only to the public, of extending their line to Birmingham was most largely availed upon the committee, and discussions in favour of the extension were opened in various parts of Shropshire, North Wales, and in the most populous district proposed, to be benefited. The officers of the London and Birmingham Company also desired the extension on public grounds of such importance, as to propose to guarantee of 6 per cent. on the capital of each division, and divide the surplus profits with the company, and to except a lease of the line from this company in perpetuity—and thus, after the feasibility and convenience of extending the working had been examined and approved of by Mr. Robert Stephenson, their very able engineer, and the funds proving an ample return for capital had been ascertained. The terms were accepted by the company—providing the working was to be carried on by the authorisee of the London and Birmingham Company, and committed to the solicitors of this company. These terms comprised the making of the line by this company, though giving, and giving priority, to the London and Birmingham Company most efficient control over the same, sections, should not exceed to say money expended without the sanction of the London and Birmingham Company. The extended line was then surveyed, and the requisite steps taken by this company for an application to Parliament in the said session.

was consented to the following alterations in the arrangements previously made between the London and Birmingham Company—namely, that Wolverhampton should be substituted for Birmingham as the terminus, the Grand Junction be substituted for the London and Birmingham as the issues of the line, and that they, instead of the London and Birmingham Company, should guarantee the 4 per cent. ; and that Mr. Loxley, instead of Mr. Stephenson, should be the engineer to complete the works. These terms were consolidated by this company, and on the 12th of July, 1844, the chairman communicated their names in a letter to the chairman of the London and Birmingham board, as follows:—

"Shrewsbury and Birmingham Railway Office, 22, Castlehill, July 11, 1882.—
Report of the 5th instant, and the report of the deviation wh-

Dear Sirs.—Your letter of the 25th instant, and the representations of the Birmingham and Birmingham Railway. The committee desire, in the first place, to express their regret at the probability of their union of interests with the London and Birmingham Company ceasing, by the arrangements which have been made with the Grand Junction Company. Analogous, however, to the carrying out the undesirable arrangement between such large interests, as myself and the members of the committee, as pledged to carry out the agreement already agreed upon by our respective subordinates, and subject to their perfect concurrence in the arrangement, whereby their line, as allotted to the Grand Junction Company, upon the identical terms already arranged to me and my associates with you, of which terms I enclose a copy, and the committee, looking with interest upon the arrangement with you, and to what they owe to their shareholders, after the usual interests unshaken, say, as they sufficiently feel that they will, W. Woodstock, upon your carrying through this arrangement with the Grand Junction Company.

George Carr Glyn, Esq., Birkenhead Station, Liverpool and Birmingham Railway."
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"The following is a copy of the local Shropshire paper, as quoted

Though this letter was published in all the local Birmingham papers, and whatever was given to it on the part of the Grand Junction directors, and whatever was proposed to it in consequence of their acceptance of the arrangement, the author of this letter has no knowledge of what was done till within the last few days by the Grand Junction Company, through the surveys were proceeding on the Stafford line, the Grand Junction directors would have been present, now believe, that they were to be the sole lessees of the Wolverhampton line, as well as lessees, that they were to be the sole lessees in themselves, and arrange their own terms of leasing, and have this arrangement between the two companies, that they understood not in their contracts, nor do they feel called upon to discuss them, though it is obvious to every impartial observer, that the word "make," in the terms set forth by the Grand Junction directors, in their letter to the author of this letter, was only by the application as to the leasing of the line. This company can be held answerable for any damage or loss which may result from the action of the Grand Junction directors, they claim for themselves the credit of one plain uniform lease from the Grand Junction of the proprietorship with the London and Birmingham Company, and they have threatened to act on the assumption that such was their right, and that the Grand Junction directors would not then be within a right to withdraw from the arrangement except at half the sum of some shares, and allow them (the Grand Junction Company) to manage it in any way they think fit—thus effectually destroying the original arrangement of the London and Birmingham Company. This combination have resolved, and will still strenuously resist, any attempt to disentangle from any previous feeling, but terms a decided majority which may be derived from it by the agricultural and pastoral districts that lie on the line already connected, and having interests that may be strongly affected by a want of communication to the public road, and necessary to the safety of all the inhabitants.

On the 11th August the chairman of this company, Mr. John Clegg, and Mr. George Clegg, of the Docks, on the 11th August the chairman of this company, Mr. John Clegg, and Mr. George Clegg, of the Docks, on the 11th August the chairman of this company, Mr. John Clegg, and Mr. George Clegg, of the Docks,

But so pleased with the Derby. On the same day he was informed of some steps being made by Mr. Smith, then the General Agent of the Great Western Railway Company, to have the chairman of the London and Birmingham Company, viz., Mr. G. H. Smith, had obtained his position in consideration of their pecuniarity, and not the General Junction's pecuniarity. And that they did not mean to make room to the General Junction, as, with the agreement or assistance given by them, he should not be able to do so. And that the London and Birmingham board were to be satisfied with those persons who were in place in the London and Birmingham Company at the time. To this communication the president of the London and Birmingham Company replied, in the following terms, and which reply words on record:

Mr. ~~John~~ ~~John~~, Mr. ~~John~~ ~~John~~, has handed me from time to time the 12th Amendment, suggesting to find there can be no difficulty upon the particular point to which it refers. We never raised any doubt upon that construction; indeed, the very object of presenting a note to the Secretary was to procure his express assent to the construction we had given it. I have written to Mr. ~~John~~ ~~John~~ upon the subject, and stated my

The commission found that the only reasonable way to proceed was that mentioned in the title of this column—*that*, namely, to make no more noise on the subject of the fine—but

The members in the administration of the Grand Reserve division, as to the
various works, are as follows: Mr. C. H. Smith, Mr. J. W. D. Smith, Mr. G. W. Smith, and Mr. A.
H. Smith.

In this, as in previous articles, I have endeavored to present a picture of the present condition of the public schools in Connecticut, as far as it can be done without infringing upon the rights of the school committees. In this article, however, I have endeavored to give a more complete account of the present condition of the public schools in Connecticut, as far as it can be done without infringing upon the rights of the school committees. In this article, however, I have endeavored to give a more complete account of the present condition of the public schools in Connecticut, as far as it can be done without infringing upon the rights of the school committees.

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Mr. John Banister, Captain W. S. Morrison.

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PROSPECTUS.

The object of the proposed undertaking is, to construct the most direct and convenient line of railway between the important towns of Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Dudley, and Birmingham—thus connecting Shropshire and the mineral and manufacturing districts adjacent with the metropolis and Birmingham, and other principal places in the kingdom, by a good railway communication—and thereby affording, also, the most direct route to the various parts of Shropshire, to the whole of North Wales, and to different portions of South Wales.

The proposed line will be in length about forty-five miles—will commence at the eastern end of the town of Shrewsbury, passing through the principal manufacturing district of Wrockwardine, the towns of Wellington, Halesowen, Brierley, Shifnal, Wolverhampton, and Dudley, and thence to Birmingham, running into the London and Birmingham Station—thus traversing a district, between Birmingham and Wolverhampton, unoccupied in density of population, and at present wholly without the benefit of a railway connection.

The line has been surveyed by the company's engineers, Mr. John Rossie and Captain Tudor, and has been approved by Mr. Robert Stephenson, on behalf of the London and Birmingham Company.

The capital expenditure of the shareholders along the line, in addition to those on the provisional committee, has been obtained.

The traffic on the line has been carefully taken by two experienced statists, who report above a net return of about 10 per cent. on the proposed capital.

Arrangements have been made with authorities of the greatest responsibility and experience to examine the railway within the engineer's estimates, both as to time and money, and thence to place the sufficiency of the capital beyond a doubt.

The committee enter with confidence to the advantages of a direct line of railway communication through this important agricultural, mineral, and manufacturing district, which communication will be most importantly affected by the proposed extension of the Chester and Wrexham and Chester and Shrewsbury Railways to Shrewsbury—thus completing the direct northern connection with Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, and all the northern manufacturing districts, and it will also be thus connected with the Chester and Holyhead Railway, and thereby afford the most direct communication with Ireland.

The usual power will be taken in the Act of Parliament to allow interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the deposits, as well as on 10 per cent. on the capital.

A large proportion of the shares having been already subscribed for, applications for the remainder will be limited, and must be made on or before Tuesday, the 10th instant, to any of the under-named persons—viz.: Mr. Rossie, at the company's offices, 73, Cornhill; J. Hart, Esq., stock and share broker, 3, Moorgate-court, Liverpool; Edward Ashworth, Esq., stock and share broker, 10, Northgate-street, Manchester; W. B. Watson and Co., stock and share brokers, Leeds; Mr. Robert and Co., stock and share brokers, 12, Royal Exchange, Edinburgh; or to the respective trustees.

Those who have power to add to their number:

Essex—Capt. W. S. Morrison.

London—Messrs. Glyn, Halifax, Mills, and Co., Lombard-street.

Shropshire—Messrs. Thomas and Francis Roberts, Glyn's Inn.

Worcestershire—John Banister, Esq.

Applicants for shares must be sworn, witnessed by the Secretary, at No. 4, New Broad-street, London, will be received and registered until the 10th instant, when the committee will proceed to allot them in successive portions, it being understood that, in all cases, preference will be given.

WEST CORNWALL RAILWAY, FROM TRURO TO FALMOUTH, REDRUTH, DAYLE, AND PENZANCE.

Capital £100,000, in 10,000 shares, of £10 each.—Deposit at £10 per share.

OFFICES—4, NEW BROAD-STREET, LONDON.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

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WEST CORNWALL RAILWAY.—The committee will meet at Falmouth, the 10th inst., in ALLEY'S HOTEL, FALMOUTH. By order,

4, New Broad-street, London, October 5.

GREAT BRITAIN MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

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THE CHIEF-MAIL, Chancery.

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Capital £700,000, in 10,000 shares, of £70 each.—Deposit at £10 per share.

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Richard H. Ross, Esq., Earl of Charlemont, Lieutenant of the county Tyrone.
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John Stewart, Esq., Earl of Erne, Lieutenant of the county Fermanagh.
Sir Robert Ferguson, Bart., Lord Mayor of Londonderry.
John Streeton, Esq., Lord Mayor of Dublin.
N. B. McIlroy, Esq., Lord Mayor of Belfast.
John Hart, Esq., Lord Mayor of Cork.
John Murray, Esq., Lord Mayor of Waterford.<br

giver's estimate; it had, however, been thought advisable to allow an ample margin for any increase of price above those of the present time.

The surveys were commenced in October last—and in March last, the Direct Northern Line, and its advantages (together with many other trial lines, and their disadvantages), were candidly brought to the consideration of many gentlemen well qualified to form an opinion on such matters—and finally the prospectus, accompanied by a map on a sufficient scale, was published on the 4th April last; this prospectus and map show the London terminus of King's-cross.

At this date there was not before the public any other project for a direct line of railway from London to York—but when more lines had opened from the time of the publication of the prospectus and map of the Direct Northern Railway, the Cambridge and York and Lincoln Railway Company (who had up to that time adhered to an indirect line by Cambridge to York) changed their title to that of the London and York Railway Company—and their stated capital, which previously had varied from £1,000,000 to £1,000,000, was then for the first time named at £1,000,000; in these new proportions, the London and York Company also adopted King's-cross for their London terminus.

Of the more enterprising of these entrepreneurs by the promoters of the Direct Northern Railway, the York and London Company were duly apprised by a circular addressed to each member of their committee, on the 15th May last, and signed by the secretary, Major Amundsen.

A map of the London and York Railway was, however, published in the latter part of August last, which, to the surprise of the promoters of the Direct Northern Line, showed an attempt to appropriate upwards of seventy miles from London of the published line of the Direct Northern Railway.

Still the project of the London and York Railway Company falls very far short of a direct line from London to the north, as will be seen from the following data—From London to York, the distance by the present lines of railway is 219 miles; by the proposed London and York line, stated to be 200 miles; by the proposed Direct Northern Railway, 199 miles.

During the progress of this undertaking, a very large proportion of the land-owners on the line have been compensated with, and consented in reference to it—and the full consequences of that important interest is, with very few exceptions, completely relied on.

Public attention having been lately drawn to the atmospheric principle, the committee wish to observe that they are in a condition to take advantage of that principle, should it eventually be shown to be for the benefit of the undertaking.

The sections of the country through which the line passes from London to York can be seen at the offices of the company, 64, Margaret-street; every explanation, also, will be afforded with regard to the traffic and other matters.

The Parliamentary plans, &c., are in course of preparation—and application will be made for an Act of Incorporation in the ensuing session of Parliament.

The deposit of 5 per cent., or £71,000 per share, is necessary to meet the requirements of the Parliamentary standing orders—but the preliminary expenses will in no event exceed £10,000 per share.

Interest at the rate of 4½ per cent., per annum will be allowed on all calls made after the passing of the Act till the opening of the railway.

The subscribers' agreement and Parliamentary contract will be ready for signature on the payment of the deposit.

A large proportion of the shares having been already applied for, no application for shares can be received after the 15th of October next, up to which period they may be addressed to the secretary, at the offices of the company, 64, Margaret-street, London, where prospectuses and plans may be obtained; or to Messrs. John Hallion and Son, and Messrs. Cardwell and Son, stockbrokers, Manchester; Thomas Kelly, Esq., stockbroker, Birmingham; Messrs. Garson and Wright, stockbrokers, Sheffield; Messrs. Edward King and Co., stockbrokers, Leeds; Francis Stamp, Esq., stockbroker, Hull; Messrs. Collinson and Flint, stockbrokers, Hull; Thos. Brumfitt, Esq., stockbroker, and W. H. Morris, Esq., stockbroker, Blackburn; J. Knowles, Esq., stockbroker, Bradford; Mr. H. Cowling, Esq., stockbroker, York; Messrs. Henry Davies and Co., stockbrokers, Liverpool; Robert Allin, Esq., stockbroker, Edinburgh; Messrs. McEwan and Reid, or J. Watson, Esq., stockbrokers, Glasgow; or to William Gordon, Esq., stockbroker, Aberdeen.

Estimated income calculated on the usual Parliamentary data, and based on the actual returns, which are printed, and may be seen at the office—

Passengers.....	£320,000	0	0
Freight.....	40,000	0	0
Merchandise.....	161,000	0	0
Conveyance of live stock.....	82,712	0	0
Cost of private carriages, horses, and dogs.....	32,370	0	0
Mining and agricultural produce.....	12,000	0	0
	£600,000	0	0
Deficit for maintenance of the line and working expenses, at 5 per cent.....	£30,000	0	0
	£570,000	0	0

Being about 5½ per cent. on the capital of £1,000,000.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Committee of the Direct Northern Railway.
GENTLEMEN.—I request that you will allow to me shares of £100 each in the proposed "Direct Northern Railway," and I undertake to pay the deposit and sign the necessary documents.—Dated this day of

Name.....
Residence.....
Trade or profession.....

DIRECT NORTHERN RAILWAY.—The committee will meet on Wednesday, the 15th inst., to ALLOT THE SHARES, and no application will be attended to unless lodged in the office of the company on or before Tuesday, the 14th inst.

By order,
64, Margaret-street, Oct. 1.
WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, Secretary.

CAUTION.—ANDREW SMITH, PATENTEE OF THE WIRE ROPE, feels it necessary to inform the public, that the ship Richard Cobden, from Liverpool for China, which was brought into the Cove of Cork on the 10th ult., with her main top-sail mast gone, the line rigging having given way, was NOT FITTED with his PATENT WIRE, but with a previous invention of the same.

A. S. considers the entire necessary, as his agents at Liverpool, Messrs. Robertson, Alexander, and Co., had cautionsed the builders and owners of the Richard Cobden, when in the act of fitting her out, "that the rigging would not stand, and that the masts would give in the first gales." Legal proceedings were instituted against the owners as soon as it was ascertained that they were filling the above nameship with the aforesaid invention, and in an unscientific manner—which proceedings are now pending.

White Lion-inn, Cornhill, October 4.

ANDREW SMITH begs to refer SHIPOWNERS and CAPTAINS to the following TESTIMONIALS, to prove of the utility of his PATENT WIRE ROPE, an STANDING RIGGING, and is prepared to guarantee the safety of any ship of his invention and Chapman over foreign rigging.

Marine Surveyor's Office, Liverpool, June 3, 1842.

GENTLEMEN.—In reply to your letter of yesterday, requesting my opinion of your Patent Wire Rope, I have to state, that, having tried it on board THREE of the light ships at this port—viz., the Queen, the Albert, and the Queen, I am fully convinced of the merits, and consider it perfectly well adapted for vessels of this description, from its great strength, lightness, compactness of size, and the entire total absence of expansion and contraction under the greatest changes of temperature and motion; these advantages being very important in vessels exposed, as lightships most commonly be at all times and seasons, to the influences of wind and wave.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

(Signed) WILLIAM LORD.

Messrs. Robertson, Alexander, and Co., Agents for Smith's Patent Wire Rope, Liverpool.

Sir—I have much pleasure in stating, that my schooner has been entirely fitted with your Patent Wire Rope, as standing rigging, for nearly eight years, and it now appears as good as when put over the mast-head. During that time the schooner has been constantly fitted, and trading in the Baltic and countries.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) THOMAS MARSHALL.

The following are the names of a few of the vessels fitted with Patent Wire Rope.

Shipping to Government—

Patent Wire Rope—

Steamer—

AN EXPLOSION AT HASWELL COLLIERY.

THE EXPLANATION OF THE
RECENT DISASTER AT HARVEY COLLIERY.

Sixty-five human beings have been sacrificed, mostly men loudly on the Legislature of the country for some stringent measures. Are these things never to have an end?—are the colliery districts to be populated with wives and with orphans, and no more attention to be paid to the cause of those constantly suffering miseries? If my power were wanting as to the regulations set forth in my "Communications on Coal Mines," it is too easily supplied by the evidence on the instant. The working out-line known about as most of the circumstances under which the Dewy lamp will explode in the Mansions or Bungalows of the prairies! In the case of the Harvey Colliery, Mr. Mathias Dunn is "blown" from persons not being "a practical man!"—and then the subsequent examination of the pit is to be subjected to partiality and favoritism! Mr. Dunn is an eminent "practical man," and to Mr. Mathias's scientific and enlightened soul we owe the able members of the South Shields Committee. I have been twisted with the report,—"He is not a practical man"—and one, Vavie, I may support myself weakly, for I suffer in noble company!

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CORNWALL.

October 31, 1900. EASTERN DISTRICT OF CORNWALL.

MINING IN THE EASTERN DIVISION.

B.C.—It is strange that your correspondents will not perceive that a report of events emanating from an individual might, in justice to all parties, be confined as much as possible to facts—otherwise, not only is the reputation of every particular mine, but little or no information is conveyed to distant speculators, which I suppose is the object of the report. "A Minor," for instance, or one who calls himself a minor, pronounces certainties as to his working, without even endeavouring to state his reasons, and on the evident assumption that his *gut-fish* is all the information the world can require! All I will now say is, that if such reports be considered in the light of information, poor readers are very easily misled. I wish to add a fact or two relative to Canadian Copper Mine, which he confounds as only fit for "saloons." The name, I grant, is injurious, and contrary to the understanding on which the right was granted, but the lease was given in such a way as to avoid, as far as could be done, any joining in shares, and a company was formed at once. As to its prospects, it lies immediately contiguous to South Canadian on the south (part of the land over to the "one against us," or, to express it in language I have somewhere seen in your Journal, "one in more frequently found under the condition of a gull-milk, than in distant parts of the same lake.") After commencing, they met with remarkable success in tunneling, discovering seven or eight quartz veins within working distance, on which they will sink a single, and a wheel. I have to apologize for stating so much about a single, and (presently) unimportant mine, but trust the unfair observations of "A Minor" will be my excuse.—*Lindberg, Oct. 1.*

A REASSURANCE.

SIR.—I have seen the letter of my respected friend, Mr. Deakin, your last week's Journal, in which he asked me the question—“What are the roots of the fossil tree” found in our mine workings “were charred with fire?” I shall always feel great pleasure in giving that gentleman an answer to his question. I can see no reason why he should not be satisfied with it. I shall always feel great pleasure in giving that gentleman an answer to his question. I can see no reason why he should not be satisfied with it. I have known him many years, and have always admired the very straightforward manner of his proceedings, and can bear testimony to his talents and ability in conducting scientific operations. I have read a great deal of his correspondence from time to time to your paper, respecting the formation of the coal field, &c., and have witnessed the withdrawal of first one and then the other of his opponents from the field, until he has at last been left “all alone in his glory.” And I assure you I have no doubt, if I had ability, to enter into a discussion with him in a public paper on this subject, and I am sorry every I did not and could not do so. I will, however, as I did “W. L.” to Mr. Deakin never owe him a debt in Balsamov Minas, he who would be most likely to think they were so paid and as perfect as any I ever saw after being in a living tree upon the surface of the earth. I do not pretend to say what species it originally belonged, or whether it grew in the sand where I found it; this part of the subject I will leave for Mr. Deakin “W. L.” to settle, the better of whom, I am sorry to say, is at this time home. By the way, Mr. Deakin will have from him when he returns from Europe, some Works, Dr. S. JAMES CADAM.

NITRATE OF SILVER A POISON.
SIR.—In connection with silver or silver, it might have been
that communication, or oxidation, is a complete antidote for this violent poison.
I will now describe an interesting circumstance connected with this
silver at Gloucester; the basis for detection of, and antidote for, poi-
sonous silver. I observed that, having the following combination in water,
silver, or silver, to silver or silver, from its immediately fatal
effectiveness and short duration of action, I should apply it with the
confidence of that day, remedies to apply a stick of bone charcoal, or
tartar, to the face of a child in the laboratory. By a continuous stirring
child covered with its mouth, and immediately whitened the stick or
charcoal, about two inches long, or despatched to me. Cuprino blan-
chard, externally, under the form of white earthy Russell, the
antidote on hand. I am glad to see that I have been the means of
giving protection to the deeply interesting subject of poison and their ant-

NETTING AND PREVENTER. —
This—be ready to your countrymen from Great Yarmouth, may
or any number provided.—It can be applied to almost any grates or fire-
places without any damage, and no trouble, that gives giving the size
of the grates or to depth, length, and breadth. It can be made with
the same, or a diversification of bricks or the like, so as to produce
so you have stored to poor article of the house, that the cost is but
one, what is known, the principle engine which it will do is no self-aiding
engine grates to replace the theory, which is simple, as all nations
generally are, offering at a moderate price what money have paid
for, such other who have not considered. A drawing will be sent to
you giving the size of the grates with the necessary instruc-
tions. ——
B. BAGG.

second, and instantly extinguish the ignition, and that too most effectually. The applied heat below will promote the ascent of the carbonic acid gas, and thus concentrate the current, while it will expand the gas, thereby causing it to fill the chimney.

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MISCELLANEA.

Sir,—I rejoice to see that the subject of the "life belt" is brought again before the British Association. I hope the ingenious author will receive more attention and courtesy than fell to my lot on a former occasion, when I introduced a model of mine. The varied applications of India-rubber seem very numerous; this seems to me, however, among its happiest applications.

In reference to the gas apparatus, owned or your use, private use in domestic economy, I may venture to state, that the Marquis Ribot, a Florentine nobleman, had the goodness to show me, when employed in the retort. When I last called on the Marquis Ribot, I found him in his bed-room, laboring under the effects of a chemical explosion, had nearly proved destructive to vision.

I am glad to find that wood, saturated with sulphate of iron, is now used for the sleepers on some of the Belgian railways, as a preventive of the wood from decay, and the eventual ravages of "dry-rot"—the prophylactic agent which I had proposed and recommended, eighteen years ago, to the British Admiralty, Sir John Barrow being witness.

When I was young, in the nurse—accidentally, I believe—giving it a dose of corrosive acid. Some drops had fallen on the child's pinhole, and the medical practitioner was wholly puzzled how to discover the kind of solution.—The tail of a thermometer being in contact with one of the spots, a drop of water was added, when the thermometer immediately indicated a considerable rise of temperature, characteristic of sulphuric acid, which when concentrated, and mixed with cold water, promptly attains the temperature of that of boiling water.—Oct. 1.

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ATMOSPHERIC SYSTEM—COMPRESSED AIR MACHINE.

ATMOSPHERIC SYSTEM.
Having given much information respecting the experiments of Mr. Andrew in former Numbers of the *Mining Journal*, we quote the following from the *Montreal Industrial* of last week:—"M. Andrew has furnished with his innovative, charged with a vessel full of compressed air 3400 metres going and returning. At starting, the pressure of compressed air was seven and a half atmospheres only—at his destination, the pressure was only three atmospheres; therefore, there had only been expended four and a half atmospheres. But M. Andrew proposes to employ no considerable vessels, at a much greater pressure—viz., vessels from eight to ten cubic metres, having a pressure of from twenty-five to thirty atmospheres, so as to be able to run over long distances without having constantly to refill the vessel. We said in our article, that, by the system submitted to experiment on the railway on the left bank of the river, there was something of a novel character. This appears to be nearly the truth. But the system tried is not at all that which M. Andrew has proposed to employ. He acknowledged that he could place to a great advantage, and he has done so, beneath places, above and below the cylinder of the locomotive, and he has of metal inclined conveniently, through which the air, passing by extremely narrow plates, will become heated by force, and will dilate itself in a very short time to his innovative, and the stops of the steam-engine may be applied with all their advantages to the air machine, with the consideration of heat—that is to say, the trial of last Saturday must not at all be considered as the finale of the system of M. Andrew, but only as a trial in the world of this new system of locomotion."

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PREPARATION OF ZINC.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE PREPARATION OF CLOUTS.
Specification of patent granted to William Godfrey Keefer, Wilmington, Del., as inventor, for an improvement in the preparation of cloot, and for combinations therewith, as more fully described in the specification annexed, and in the drawings annexed, to be used in the manufacture of buttons.—*Wilmington Journal.*

This invention consists in purifying zinc by the employment of molten lead, and, by the use of such purified zinc, forming combinations with copper and other metals of a more useful character than can be obtained by the use of zinc in its ordinary state. The zinc and lead are melted together, preference, in equal quantities, and, after being well stirred, the molten mass is thrown on the surface, to prevent oxidation, and is allowed to cool in a molten state for about three hours, when the lead will have descended to the bottom of the vessel, leaving the purified zinc floating at the top. The zinc and other impurities are then removed from the surface, by decanting, and the zinc is drawn off through a pipe in the side of the pot containing the molten lead, but nearer deeper, and pass into it 2 cwt. of zinc and 1 cwt. of lead, heat until deeper, and pass into it 2 cwt. of zinc and 1 cwt. of lead. When it is desired to combine a small portion of the zinc with the lead, so as to form an alloy, the zinc are not allowed to stir for three hours, as above, but, after an hour has elapsed, the greater portion of the zinc is drawn off, leaving a thickness of about an inch upon the whole, as it coalesces in cooling, is skinned off, and the lead is then allowed to be combined with zinc. The zinc, that has been drawn off, contains a certain quantity of lead, which may be separated, by keeping the zinc, before described, of preparing zinc, by separating the metal melted with lead, and allowing the lead to separate, as before described.

Great Conservatoire were the Committee.—A project appeared within the past few days, purporting to be a daily connection with the continent, starting out of the station of Newhaven, London to Harwich, affording facilities for communicating with Paris and Belgium, where the services have hitherto been half an hour's delay in those between London and Harwich, of course, and also the like time between London and Antwerp. The time for conveyance will be—from London to Harwich two and a half hours to Blackpool twenty-one hours, and by culture to Hanover—making to the whole about twenty-four hours. The passage from Harwich to Paris eight to nine hours. At Harwich the passage is effected by one steamer, bound for the Netherlands, of the line of steamers from Calais to Harwich, or an equivalent of 10,000 tons, so as to understand that the Eastern Circular and Calais-Harwich and Conservatoire, as well as those on the western frontier the line of steamers between the terminals, have augmented their resources to afford

part and no opposition.

Proprietary.—Mr. Charles Weston, the manager of the Cheltenham Iron-Works, Elstree, has recently patented a process in the manufacture of book-end paper and other paper by the Ciba Company which he considers to consist in a process of bleaching or bleaching the material by heating paper, pillars, and other materials in a closed vessel, so as to remove the colouring matter from the paper. In carrying out this improvement the following steps are followed:—In the first place two "shells" are to be prepared, which are formed by the following tool, consisting of the top and bottom plates which are held in place by supports, so that the central distance below the supports may be the same as that required to be maintained. These two parts of the resulting tool have to receive a number of projections, the edges of which are to come into close contact with the edges of each other with the hand, these being prolonged on each half of the base a portion of the lower edge of the outer frame is converted again into a series of sharp points which are caused to meet again; the ends or points which are thus formed are then placed into the base, which is held and at the remaining tool. It will, therefore, be evident, according to the size of which, the edge of the board will consist of a number of sharp points which will be applied to the upper surface of the paper, and with themselfs form a kind of nest or base in the atmosphere being carefully maintained in the top will become part of the upper surface of the paper and dried, after which the edges will be made to meet again, and the surface covered over, the board is then ready to receive the paper, and when covering the paper in the ordinary manner. The object of this method is to remove the colouring matter, and it appears to consist in the following operation, when it will be ready to receive another, as long as the vessel holds.

The value of the oil and mineral output from the state's mines was over \$100,000.

ROYAL CORNWALL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM.

The annual meeting of the members of this institution was held at the museum, Falmouth, on Friday, the 27th ult. The meeting was opened with contributions from the friends of the society—400 specimens being sent by Mr. H. Thomas alone, illustrative of the Tregossean Hill and Land's End districts. A very well finished model of a portion of the Geelongshire Massif, Yorkshire, sent by Captain Kelly (formerly of Cornwall), excited much attention. Dr. Parry, the founder of the society, was present. At twelve o'clock the chair was taken by Sir CHARLES LAMSON, who, during his address, observed that, in the course of the past year, they had lost three of their members by death, but who only supported the society by their subscriptions, and were not distinguished in any branch of science; he regretted that no applications had been made for the prizes offered by the society; he was satisfied, however, that they were pursuing the right course, and soon or later their [illegible] disordered state, and many volumes lost, the council had determined to have it completely inspected, with a view to its restoration, and Dr. Bosan had the past year, he remarked, that there was room to hope, that during sitting time in subjects of recent date, which might otherwise escape observation, were twofold—first, to collect and dispense such scientific information as could be obtained from the county alone, and also to keep up a close correspondence with the Geological Society in London, which might be considered their parent. It is highly gratifying to observe, that the printed documents forwarded by them were not thrown by as waste paper, but had been, on several occasions, most favorably referred to in the addresses of the president by the society in London during the past year, he first noticed Mr. Headwood's elaborate work on the metalliferous deposits of Cornwall and Devon—(see *Mining Journal*, Sept. 14)—and observed, that it was a work which presented in view an accumulation of facts, digested with great skill and patience; the interesting his work of theoretical speculations was wise on the part of the author, as it might have concealed the genuine character of the work, while, in the hands of others, it must point out many valuable indications. Mr. Whittle's work on Agricultural Geology had also issued from the press during the year, and contains much valuable matter for the expanded objects of the agriculturist, by the disengaged rocks, of various kinds, which become mixed with the soil. Johnstone, Murchison, and others.—He then alluded to the formation of the Miners' Society, which he hoped would become an important auxiliary, for, although he understood it was not their intention to publish their transactions, and their investigations and discussions must bring to light many new facts in connection with geological theories.—In May last a paper was read by Mr. Lyell before the Geological Society in London, giving an account of a bed of phosphate, at Worcester, in Massachusetts, U.S., worked for many years back for coal and lead pencils. This deposit is separated by a district of granite, thirty-five miles wide, from the nearest coal measures, into phosphate.—The next subject noticed by the chairman was a paper by Mr. F. de la Beche, on the laws which govern the action of waves in estuaries and tidal rivers, written at the request of the Commissioners for carrying out the Metropolitan Improvements and Embankment the Thames. These effects are clearly described, and explain many geological phenomena on the Territorial Margin (see *Mining Journal*, March and April), cause most (the chairman) could not bring himself to conform to the entire theories propounded by the book, still he recommended its careful perusal to all practically acquainted with the mineral condition of the county, particularly to all practically which related to the filling of mineral veins. He then read a paper expressive of the views and opinions of Mr. H. de la Beche on this important subject, by which he observed, "that in a district like Cornwall, where so many individuals are constantly employed in mines, a geological society seems attending its mineral veins should be gathered; the conditions for the development of its mineral deposits in one locality should be compared with those in others; groups of facts would be accumulated which could not fail to be of much service to geology, as well as to practical mining." A good hearty discussion was then required to obtain a mass of information of the most important order, creditable to the miners of Cornwall, and of great value to the progress of general knowledge.—The thirty-first annual report of the council was then read by Dr. WILLIAMS (one of the secretaries). It stated, that they had received numerous testimonials in favour of the new method, adopted for publishing the Society's Transactions, instead of reserving them published annually, the pages carried over consecutively, they were now by halving the resources of the society, the fifth volume of the Transactions late edition, was and likely come to extract from the British, but had promised some communication on the geology of that part of South America. Nothing definite had been done towards building a new house for the society; but it was believed, that by joining some other institution, the erection of such a building then over.—The treasurer's and librarians' reports were then read, after which the several scientific papers were read, most of which we shall take opportunity of giving in future numbers.

IMPROVEMENTS IN STEAM-ENGINES.

TRELEIGH CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY.

The annual meeting of this company took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the office, in Threadneedle-street, and was numerously attended.

The chair having been taken by J. MURRAY, Esq.—the SECRETARY read the directors' report, that of the agents, also one from the inspecting agent, and the financial statement.—According to the accounts, the clear profit on the workings for the past year was £1000, and there was £1000, in hand over all liabilities.—In answer to Mr. D. McCARTY, and other proprietors, CHAIRMAN said that Captain Richards had here written to him in present at that meeting.—The SECRETARY said he had been writing to on the 14th ult.

Mr. CHIPPENDALE thought there was some extraordinary reason for his absence, which he could explain when he came to London. It was a pity, as the Directors wished information respecting new and second-hand engines, on which they could not come to any decision in the absence of Capt. Richards.

MINES REGISTRATION.—A bill introduced by Mr. Hodgson Hinde and Mr. Ord has recently been printed for consideration during the recess, entitled "A Bill for establishing District Registers of all Mines and Mining Operations in England and Wales." There are ninety-two sections in the measure, with a schedule of the places to which its operations are to be applied. It is not proposed that it should take effect until January next after the passing of the Act. By the preamble it is stated to be expedient to establish a systematic registration of all mining operations carried on throughout England and Wales, and in the Isle of Man, for better preventing the loss of life, the occurrence of many grievous and unexpected injuries to mining proprietors, and the large and fruitless expenditure of capital and labour. It is proposed to establish offices and assistant officers for the purpose of registration, and that the expenses of the Act should be paid out of the Consolidated Fund. The Board of Trade is to have the general management of the proposed measure.

GONAMINA MINE.—(From a Correspondent).—A meeting of the shareholders in this mine was held on the 24th ult., at the Mechanics' Institute, Liskeard, for the purpose of determining on effective operations being adopted for working this promising mine, when it was resolved to erect a steam-engine of 45-inch cylinder, and the engineer was instructed to forward the specifications immediately to the founders, so as to enable them to furnish tenders for the same. The demand for shares in this mine still continues, and five high prices are given, which may be accounted for by the discovery of five holes in the set up to the present time, varying from two to seven feet high, within the short distance of forty fathoms, and presenting a most flattering and encouraging appearance; its proximity to West Cardigan, and being in an acknowledged rich district, also tend to enhance the value of the set.

CARADON MINE.—(From a Correspondent).—Preliminary workings have taken place by continuing, preparatory to more effective measures being adopted in working on the holes already known. This has resulted in the discovery of a hole of very promising character, producing excellent stones of copper ore, and on Monday last another hole was cut in a eastern pit, containing ore. These are supposed to be the Gonamina holes, which run through the South Cardigan set about 150 fathoms, and the Caradon Mine, adjoining South Cardigan on the east, immediately take these holes. These important discoveries, with the improvement in West Cardigan, and a general demand for shares in the mines in this locality, have greatly enhanced their value.

IMPORTATION OF MINERALS FROM SYDNEY.—We learn, by the Liverpool Standard, that two parcels of lead ore and manganese ore have been received in Liverpool from Sydney—the former assayed well, and sold at £1 per ton, while for the latter, which is of fair quality, £1 per ton is demanded.

AWFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

Another of those frightful calamities to which our miners are subject in the prosecution of their labour, took place on Saturday last, at Hazelwell Colliery, situate in the very centre of the Great Durham coal-field, nine miles from Sunderland and seven from Durham; it is 150 fathoms (900 feet) deep. The workings are in the famous "Hutton" seam, and is the property of Messrs. Clark, Taylor, Palmer, and others. The ventilation in the mine had always been paid particular attention to, and, out of ninety-nine in the pit at the time of the explosion, four only, who were at the bottom of the shaft, escaped, and out of the ninety-five who were in the workings had been left to share very light on the scene of the accident—the whole being buried into earth without a moment's warning. As near as can be judged, fifteen of the sufferers were killed by the explosion, and the remainder by the after-damp. On Monday some thousands congregated to witness the funeral of the victims, and between fifty and sixty carts were employed to carry the bodies to their last resting place—fifty-four of whom were interred in South Hutton, and the remainder in Easington and Houghton churchyards; it was truly a melancholy and singular spectacle—all the dead belonging to one family were placed in separate carts, and followed by their surviving friends and relatives.—The inquest on the bodies was, as may be supposed, most curiously attended. Mr. Roberts (who alighted to support the interest of the working colliers) urged on the coroner the necessity of appointing some disinterested parties to examine the pit, and proposed Mr. M. Dunn, Mr. Jude, and Mr. Mather.—Mr. Marshall, on the part of the owners, said they could have no hesitation or objection in allowing some disinterested persons to examine the mine; they had a personal objection to Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Mather was not a practical man.—Mr. Roberts said there was no other viewer whom he knew the pitmen had confidence to trust. Mr. Dunn, in case of a refusal for him to visit the mine, he called upon the coroner to adjourn the inquiry, to give time for an application to the Secretary of State on the subject, which he pledged himself to make.—On Tuesday morning the inquest was continued, when Mr. Marshall stated the owners were anxious for the federal inquiry, and if the jury wished the pit to be examined, it should be left to them to select any practical parties they might choose, and every facility should be afforded.—The examination of a number of witnesses who worked in the colliery, none of whom had only left the pit just before the explosion, was continued, who all concurred in the opinion that the workings were in an human appearance, safe, and attributed the calamity to unavoidable accident.—Mr. Roberts urged the examination of witnesses who were disinterested, as he had no doubt all the pitmen who worked there would adhere to the same statement; but the coroner decided on examining every witness brought before him.—R. Thompson (the master mechanician), Mr. T. E. Forster (the surveyor), and other witnesses, were, consequently, examined at considerable length, and mass examined by Mr. Roberts, who throughout the investigation has adopted, to say the least of it, a most partial course, endeavouring to insinuate that the explosion originated for want of proper care and attention on the part of the owners, viewers, etc., and without the slightest grounds for such suspicion; asserting, as we do, that many of these calculations are influenced by the equality of owners and others interested, who, to avoid extra trifling expenses, often leave the workings in a dangerous state, we should in the first to hold up to the detection of the public any parties who could be proved to have so acted, and thus absolved so many of their fellow-workmen in a pretence of safety; but, in this instance, the evidence is decidedly of a contrary nature—wherever that every care and attention had been paid to the ventilation, lamps, etc., had we no master-mechanic of Mr. Roberts's name on the premises totally disengaged and uninterested—indeed, all we know, his conduct was deemed so negligent, that he was removed to the mine for an improper observation.—After a very lengthened examination, the jury came to the resolution to adjourn to Wednesday, the 11th instant; on the same time, the mine is to be inspected by Messrs. 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